

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Former Phenix Supply Company Warehouse 220 Academy Street, Greenville, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until August 26, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6331-NRP, will affect approximately 7.3 acres identified by Greenville County tax map #s 0071000100300, 0071000100301, 0071000100500, 0071000102700, and 0071000102702. A company known as Arlington Properties Inc (Arlington) wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Arlington.

The Property is bounded generally by the Swamp Rabbit Trail, the Reedy River, and commercial properties with Whitmire Street beyond; South Academy Street to the southeast and south with commercial properties beyond; and Westfield Street to the west and northwest with the Salvation Army Croc Community Center and A. J. Whittenberg Elementary School beyond. The Property is unoccupied and all above grade structures demolished.

Arlington will acquire the Property and intends to construct apartment buildings with 215 units. Soil and groundwater at the property has been contaminated with perchloroethene. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Arlington to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental pollution. Arlington did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Arlington responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Arlington will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Arlington will test soil and groundwater at the property. If significant contamination is found, Arlington will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until August 26, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.